Washington, DC – Today Harry Teague along with a broad, bipartisan group of border lawmakers joined together to call on President Obama to take immediate action to address the growing national security threat on our southern border.

In a letter sent to the President, Congressional members are urging the administration to grant requests from the governors of our nation's border states for National Guard troops to be deployed to the U.S.-Mexico border.

In the letter, the lawmakers state:

"As you know, violence in the vicinity of the U.S.-Mexico border continues to increase at an alarming rate. \(\Pi\) We believe that this violence represents a serious threat to the national security of the United States as well as a serious threat to U.S. citizens that live along the 1,969 mile long border. \(\Pi\) We strongly believe that it is imperative for your Administration to promptly take the necessary steps to prevent this violence.

We urge the Administration to take action to address this growing national security threat on our southern border. Without swift and decisive action, it is our fear that this violence will only increase in severity and scope. We urge you to deploy the National Guard to the U.S.-Mexico border, as has been requested by a number of border state Governors and Members of Congress.

We urge the Administration to provide the Border Patrol with the support it needs, both in terms of tangible resources such as state-of-the-art technology and equipment..."

To see a copy of the letter, <u>click here</u>.